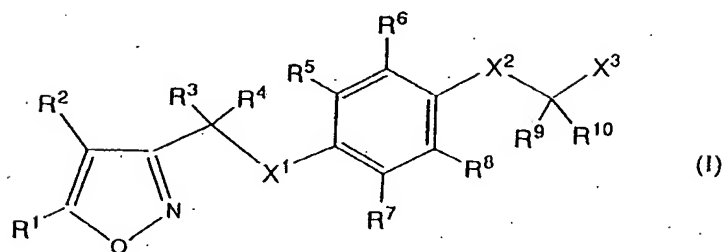


1. A compound of the formula (I):



wherein

R¹ is optionally substituted aryl,

R² is hydrogen,

R³ and R⁴ are each independently hydrogen,

R⁵, R⁷ and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen,

R⁶ is optionally substituted lower alkyl,

R¹⁰ is hydrogen,

X¹ is -S-,

X² is -CR¹⁵R¹⁶- (wherein R¹⁵ is hydrogen),

X³ is COOR¹⁷ (wherein R¹⁷ is hydrogen),

and,

R⁹ and R¹⁶ are joined together to form a bond,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a solvate thereof.

Compound β-2-38 is also encompassed in Claims 2, 4-10, 12, 15 and 26.

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